

SENATE BILL 843

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;  
Title 39; Title 40; Title 54 and Title 55, relative to  
criminal law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-307, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c) An offense under this section is a Class E felony. In addition to the authorized term of imprisonment for a Class E felony, the offense shall also be punished by a mandatory fine of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-307, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) A person operating a motor vehicle who is exercising due care and unintentionally causes injury or death to another person who is violating subsection (a) is immune from prosecution for the injury or death.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person who, while participating in a riot, throws an object at another with the intent of harming the other person commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) A person who, while participating in a riot, throws an object at another and causes bodily injury, as defined in § 39-11-106, to another commits a Class E felony.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person who, while participating in a riot, intentionally intimidates or harasses an individual present at a place accessible to the public and not participating in the riot commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Harass" means to engage in conduct directed at a specific person which causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose; and

(2) "Intimidate" means to frighten or threaten a person for the purpose of coercing the person to take some action.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to any offense committed on or after that date.